



23rd Sunday after Pentecost
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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Flourish on "Salzburg"
Jakob Hintze
2016 Lorenz Publishing

WELCOME

Mamie Broadhurst

MINUTE

INTROIT

Touch the Earth Lightly
Shirley Murray and Colin Gibson
Hope Publishing Company, 1992

*Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
Nourish the life of the world in our care:
Gift of great wonder ours to surrender,
Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.*

*We who endanger, who create hunger,
Agents of earth for all creatures that live,
We who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)
Lighting the Candle
Word for Worship

Pre-K-5th Graders

*HYMN No. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Source of life and ground of being,
you promise and you provide.
You shine the light of peace and we shield our eyes,
uncertain we want to commit to your way.
You shine the light of freedom, and we turn away;
we can't imagine any system but the one we've got.
You shine the light of joy, and we flinch and retreat,
unwilling to lay our burdens down, even in your care.
Forgive us for not seeing your bright light as good news,
when it is challenging news for us and our way of life.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**God, forgive us.
Teach us to trust you enough
to walk with you through the shadowed valley
and toward the life you promise - though we cannot see it yet.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Friends, hear this good news: the yoke is no longer yours to bear —
the One born to us bears it on his shoulders so that you may rejoice
in the weight lifted away and walk freely in the light of God.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn 33, v 2

**Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise God's providence and grace, Alleluia!**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 9:1-7

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 86

The People Who Walked in Darkness

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Bizza Britton

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, online giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

The People That Walked in Darkness

*G. F. Handel
Public Domain*

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Wonderful Counselor,
even when we cannot see it
you do not fail to offer us your blessing.
When we despair, may we remember -
to be a blessing to others is a blessing unto itself.
With thanks we return these gifts to you
knowing that you will find good use
for our offerings of time, talent, and treasure.
With gratitude and joy we turn them all over to you. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...
everywhere!

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "Austrian Hymn"
Gordon Young
1980 Hope Publishing Company

*Many thanks to Kristin Savicki and Ignace Agbadan
who helped to live-stream the service today.*



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